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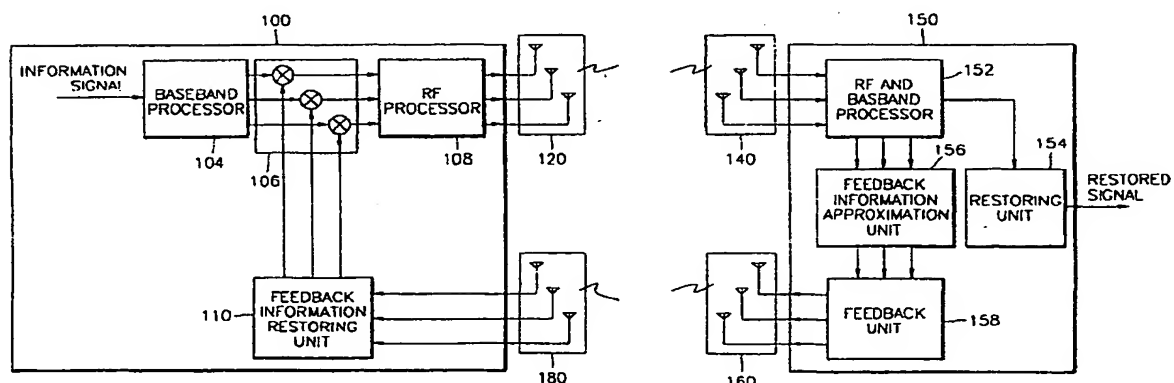
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(54) Wireless communication system with feedback and method therefor

(57) A wireless communication system with feedback and a method therefor are provided. The wireless communication system, which has a plurality of transmitting antennas (120, 180) and a plurality of receiving antennas (140, 160) through which signals are transmitted and received, respectively, includes: a transmitter (100) that restores feedback information from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal to a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and a receiver (150) that receives the radio frequency signal

to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, calculates a weight of a dimensionality corresponding to the number of the transmitting antennas, approximates the weight as lower-dimensional one to extract feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter.(100) Thus, the amount of feedback information is reduced in a communication system with feedback having multiple transmitting/receiving antennas, thereby using a channel required for the feedback more effectively and reducing a delay time caused by the feedback.

FIG. 1



Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a wireless communication system with feedback and a method therefor, and more particularly, to a wireless communication system which approximates multi-dimensional feedback information as lower-dimensional information to be fed back to a transmitter, and a method therefor.

[0002] Unlike a wired channel, a wireless channel environment has low reliability due to multipath interference, shadowing, attenuation of radio waves, time-varying noise, and multiuser interference. In particular, due to multipath fading effect related to movement of a reflector or a user, a desired signal is received with an interference signal and suffers from excessive distortion, thereby significantly degrading the performance of the overall system. To overcome multipath fading, which may be considered as one of the most complicated problems in achieving high-speed data communications through a wireless channel, much research has been conducted over the past several years. The most effective method for alleviating multipath fading is a diversity technique which receives a plurality of signals that suffer from fading at fingers and combines the outputs of fingers. It is known that this diversity technique exhibits excellent performance in a wireless channel environment. Thus, various methods for exploiting diversity have been proposed and are currently in common use. These methods include time diversity, frequency diversity, and space diversity (antenna) techniques.

[0003] In space diversity using multiple antennas, a system for improving downlink performance with multiple receiving antennas at a base station is currently commercialized. Also, uplink performance can be improved with multiple receiving antennas at a terminal. However, due to small power consumption, small size, light weight, and complexity constraints on a terminal, a diversity method for a terminal with a plurality of antennas has many technical limitations. To overcome the above problems, transmit diversity schemes for improving the uplink performance with multiple transmitting antennas at the base station have been suggested. These transmit diversity approaches using multiple transmitting antennas not only improve the link performance by effecting diversity but also provide a more economical way than adopting multiple receiving antennas to terminals, since a base station serves a plurality of terminals.

[0004] Methods of exploiting diversity with multiple transmitting antennas are largely categorized into the following two types: time-space coding without information about channel conditions, proposed by S. M. Alamouti ("A Simple Transmitter Diversity Scheme for Wireless Communication", IEEE J. Select. Areas Commun., vol. 16, pp. 1451-1458, Oct. 1998), and feedback of channel condition information from receiver (3GPP, "Physical Layer Procedures (FDD)", Tech. Spec., Doc. #: 3G TS 25.214 version 3.0.0, Oct. 1999, also available from <http://www.3gpp.org>). According to a method proposed for a next-generation system in the feedback approach, information about a channel state is obtained from a receiver and optimum antenna weights of multiple transmitting antennas are calculated from the information and fed back to the transmitter. Since an optimum antenna weight depending on a channel state is applied to the multiple transmit antennas, this feedback approach is known to exhibit excellent performance compared with the time-space coding approach. Furthermore, as the number of transmitting antennas increases, the performance is improved in proportion to the increase in number. However, the feedback approach has a drawback in that channel capacity required for feedback must increase in the event of using multiple transmitting antennas since the amount of information required for feedback increases in proportion to the number of transmitting antennas. Furthermore, an increase in the amount of information due to an increase in the number of transmitting antennas increases a time taken for feedback, i.e., a delay time. In this case, a probable change in a channel state during feedback may significantly degrade the performance. Thus, the amount of feedback information is of great concern in exploiting multiple transmitting antenna diversity. In general, there is a limit in the capacity of the channel used for feedback, and a delay increases as much as the amount of feedback information does. Thus, the feedback approach in which a number of transmitting antennas are adopted involves channel capacity restrictions and delay increase. Accordingly, it is highly desirable to reduce the amount of feedback information.

[0005] The present invention seeks to provide a wireless communication system which approximates multi-dimensional feedback information as lower-dimensional information to be fed back to a transmitter, and a method therefor.

[0006] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a wireless communication system including a plurality of transmitting antennas and a plurality of receiving antennas through which signals are transmitted and received, respectively. The wireless communication system includes: a transmitter that restores feedback information from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal to a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and a receiver that receives the radio frequency signal to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, calculates a weight of a dimensionality corresponding to the number of the transmitting antennas, approximates the weight as lower-dimensional one to extract feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter.

[0007] According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a wireless communication system including a plurality of transmitting antennas and a plurality of receiving antennas through which signals are transmitted and received, respectively. The wireless communication system includes: a transmitter that restores feedback infor-

mation from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal into a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and a receiver that receives the radio frequency signal to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, selects a number of basis vectors and their coefficients corresponding to the dimensionality of approximation among the basis vectors whose number corresponds to the number of the transmitting antennas, obtains a plurality of weights from the selected basis vectors and coefficients, extracts a weight that maximizes a predetermined objective function obtained from the channel state among the plurality of weights as feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal in order to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter.

[0008] According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a wireless communication method in which, when M radio frequency signals transmitted from a transmitter are received through multiple paths, feedback information is extracted from the received signals and the feedback information is sent to the transmitter. The method includes the steps of: (a) estimating states of channels comprising the multiple paths from the received signals; (b) calculating a weight, which is fed back into the transmitter and multiplied by the M radio frequency signals, from the channel state; (c) approximating the weight as dimension S which is less than M and quantizing coefficients for the approximated dimension; and (d) feeding basis vectors and their quantized coefficients of the approximated dimension, or indices that identify the basis vectors and their quantized coefficients back to the transmitter.

[0009] According to a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a wireless communication method in which, when M radio frequency signals transmitted from a transmitter are received through multiple paths, feedback information is extracted from the received signals and the feedback information is sent to the transmitter. The method includes the steps of: (a) estimating states of channels comprising the multiple paths from the received signals; (b) determining basis vectors that represent M dimensions; (c) selecting S basis vectors among the determined basis vectors where S is less than M; (d) selecting one of N quantization coefficients for each basis vector; (e) obtaining feedback information W_i from the selected basis vectors and quantization coefficients; and (f) sending W_i or an index indicating W_i back to the transmitter if a predetermined objective function P_i generated from W_i and the estimated channel H reaches a maximum.

[0010] An example of the present invention will now be described in detail with reference to the accompanying Figures, in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a wireless communication system with feedback according to the present invention; FIGS. 2A - 2D show examples of lower-dimension approximations by projection; FIGS. 3(a) - 3(f) are examples of basis vector sets required for approximating feedback information; FIGS. 4(a) and 4(b) are examples of quantizations for complex number coefficients; FIG. 5A shows a method of approximating feedback information by projection; and FIG. 5B shows a method of approximating feedback information by searching.

[0011] Referring to FIG. 1, a wireless communication system according to the present invention includes a transmitter 100 and a receiver 150. The transmitter includes a baseband processor 104, a weighting unit 106, a radio frequency (RF) processor 108, and a feedback information restoring unit 110. Also, the transmitter 100 includes multiple transmitting/receiving antennas 120 and 180 for transmission/reception of a signal. The receiver 150 includes an RF and baseband processor 152, a restoring unit 154, a feedback information approximation unit 156, and a feedback unit 158. Also, the receiver 150 includes multiple transmitting/receiving antennas 140 and 160 for transmission/reception of a signal.

[0012] The baseband processor 104 of the transmitter 100 performs some processes, for example, encoding and modulations on baseband information signals. The weighting unit 106 multiplies feedback information transmitted from the receiver 150 and restored in the feedback information storing unit 110 by the output signal of the baseband processor 104. The RF processor 108 converts the output signal of the weighting unit 106 into a radio band signal to transmit the radio frequency signal through the multiple transmitting antennas 120. The feedback information restoring unit 110 restores feedback information from a feedback signal received through the multiple receiving antennas 180 and outputs the restored information to the weighting unit 106.

[0013] The RF and baseband processor 152 of the receiver 150 processes a signal received through the multiple receiving antennas 140, extracts a baseband signal therefrom, and estimates a channel state from the baseband signal. The restoring unit 154 decodes the baseband signal to restore transmit information. The feedback information approximation unit 156 calculates multi-dimensional weight from the estimated channel state and approximates the multi-dimensional weight as lower-dimensional one which is feedback information. The feedback unit 158 converts the feedback information into a baseband signal and then an RF signal and transmits the RF signal through the multiple transmitting antennas 160.

[0014] A method of approximating the weights in the feedback information approximation unit 156 and a method of

restoring the feedback information in the feedback information restoring unit 110 will now be described.

[0015] The feedback information can be obtained by approximating an optimum weight available from the estimated channel state as lower-dimensional one. For example, it is assumed that L multipaths are created by multiple transmitting antennas 120 composed of M antennas and channels. It is also assumed that the multiple receiving antennas 140 includes only a single antenna. Assuming that the L multipath signals are separated in the transmitter 100 and the receiver 150, a channel state **H** may be expressed by Equation (1):

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & \dots & h_{M1} \\ \dots & h_{ml} & \dots \\ h_{1L} & \dots & h_{ML} \end{bmatrix} \dots (1)$$

where h_{ml} denotes an l-th multipath signal among channels from an m-th transmitting antenna.

[0016] The channel state **H** is estimated in the RF and baseband processor 152. In this case, channel estimation can be accomplished by any conventional channel estimation method. First, the feedback information approximation unit 156 obtains a weight to be multiplied by L transmitting antennas from the estimated channel state. The weighting unit 106 of the transmitter 100 weights an information signal with the feedback information restored in the feedback information restoring unit 110, which allows the channel state to be reflected in the information signal before transmitting the information signal, and thus reduces multipath fading.

[0017] The optimum transmitting antenna weight calculated from the estimated channel state is given by a vector **W** that maximizes an objective function P as expressed by Equation (2):

$$P = W^H H^H H W \quad (2)$$

where superscript H denotes a Hermitian operator and **W** is a vector representing the transmitting antenna weight. The vector **W** is expressed by Equation (3):

$$W = [W_1, W_2, \dots, W_M]^T \quad (3)$$

where W_m denotes a weight of the m-th transmitting antenna and T denotes a transpose of a matrix.

[0018] An optimum transmitting antenna weight W_{opt} may be calculated from the vector **W** that maximizes P defined by Equation (2). The optimum weight W_{opt} is given by an eigenvector corresponding to a maximum eigenvalue of $H^H H$.

[0019] If the number of transmitting antennas is M and the number of receiving antennas is M', an optimum transmitting antenna weight W_{opt} may be obtained by extending the above. Thus, the optimum weight W_{opt} has a number of elements corresponding to M transmitting antennas for an arbitrary number of receiving antennas. In this invention, the M-dimensional optimum transmitting antenna weight W_{opt} is approximated as lower-dimensional one to calculate feedback information.

[0020] The optimum weight W_{opt} is an M-dimensional vector where M is equal to the number of transmitting antennas, and each element generally is a complex number. Thus, W_{opt} is considered as a point in an M-dimensional space, and the point can be represented by base vectors for representing M-dimensions and complex number coefficients corresponding to each base vector.

[0021] For example, assuming that $W_{opt} = [a, b, c]^T$, and basis vectors are represented by $B_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$, $B_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$, and $B_3 = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$, a three-dimensional vector W_{opt} can be expressed with the basis vectors and coefficients as in Equation (4):

$$W_{opt} = a \cdot B_1 + b \cdot B_2 + c \cdot B_3 \quad (4)$$

[0022] FIGS. 2A - 2D show examples of lower-dimension approximations of W_{opt} by projection. If W_{opt} 200 is a weight before approximation, W_{opt} 200 requires at least three basis vectors in order to represent three-dimensional information. It is assumed that basis vectors B_1 202, B_2 204, and B_3 206 have the magnitude of 1 and are orthogonal to each other. By the above assumption, coefficients c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 of the W_{opt} 200 can be calculated by taking the inner product of W_{opt} 200 and each basis vector. Thus, W_{opt} can be calculated as expressed by Equation (5):

$$W_{\text{opt}} = c_1 B_1 + c_2 B_2 + c_3 B_3 \quad (5)$$

[0023] Here, if coefficients c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 satisfy $|c_1| > |c_2| > |c_3|$, the component of W_{opt} in the direction of B_1 is the largest of the three components shown in Equations (5).

[0024] FIG. 2A shows W_{opt} 200 and its projection on each basis vector B_1 202, B_2 204, or B_3 206, and FIG. 2B shows a case in which W_{opt} is approximated as one-dimensional information. In this case, three approximations are available and they are $c_1 B_1$ 212, $c_2 B_2$ 214, and $c_3 B_3$ 216. However, if the coefficients c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 satisfy $|c_1| > |c_2| > |c_3|$, the optimum one-dimensional approximation of W_{opt} is $c_1 B_1$ 212. FIG. 2C shows a two-dimensional approximation. Approximations of W_{opt} are represented by $c_1 B_1 + c_2 B_2$ 220, $c_2 B_2 + c_3 B_3$ 222, and $c_1 B_1 + c_3 B_3$ 224. If the coefficients c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 satisfy $|c_1| > |c_2| > |c_3|$, the optimum two-dimensional approximation of W_{opt} may be represented by $c_1 B_1 + c_2 B_2$ 220. FIG. 2D shows a three-dimensional approximation 230. In this case, approximation of W_{opt} is only one, $c_1 B_1 + c_2 B_2 + c_3 B_3$ 230 which is exactly the same as W_{opt} .

[0025] A set of basis vectors required for approximation of weight are employed to represent the dimensionality of W_{opt} . Thus, a set of various basis vectors can be employed for approximation of weight. Here, the basis vectors may not be orthogonal to each other, but if they are orthogonal to each other, superposition of information can be avoided.

[0026] FIGS. 3(a) - 3(f) show a set of basis vectors required for approximation of a weight. FIGS. 3(a), 3(c), and 3(e) show two-, three-, and four- dimensional orthogonal basis vectors, respectively, where each component of the basis vectors represents whether or not each antenna is used. For example, selecting two dimensional basis vector [1 0] means that a signal is transmitted through a first one of two antennas, while selecting [0 1] means that a signal is transmitted through a second one.

[0027] FIGS. 3(b), 3(d), and 3(f) show another example of two-, three-, and four-dimensional orthogonal basis vectors, respectively, in which each basis vector maintains orthogonality while keeping a difference in power between each antenna to a minimum.

[0028] The approximation of a weight further requires a coefficient corresponding to each basis vector. In this invention, each coefficient is represented by a real number or a complex number and subjected to quantization for feedback. FIGS. 4(a) and 4(b) show examples of quantizations of a complex number coefficient. FIG. 4(a) shows an example in which a coefficient is quantized to two levels depending on the sign of a real part of the coefficient. If the real part of the coefficient is a positive number, the coefficient is quantized to a representative value $e^{j\theta}$, while if the real part is a negative number, the coefficient is quantized to a representative value $e^{j\pi}$. FIG. 4B shows another example of two-level quantization, in which a coefficient is quantized depending on the sign of the imaginary part of the coefficient.

[0029] FIGS. 5A and 5B are flowcharts showing algorithms for approximating a weight according to the above process. FIG. 5A shows an approximation by projection while FIG. 5B shows an approximation by searching. It is assumed in this embodiment that the number of transmitting antennas is M , S -dimensional approximation is performed, and the quantization level of a coefficient is N .

[0030] Referring to FIG. 5A, which shows a method of approximating a weight by projection, first, an optimum transmitting antenna weight W_{opt} is calculated (step 502). The calculated weight W_{opt} is projected onto each basis vector, that is, coefficients are calculated by taking inner product of W_{opt} and each basis vector (step 504). A number S of coefficients are selected in order of their magnitudes, and then basis vectors corresponding to the selected coefficients are selected (step 506). Next, the selected coefficients are quantized (step 508). A weight is approximated as lower-dimensional one using the selected basis vectors and the quantized coefficients (step 510).

[0031] Referring to FIG. 5B, which shows a method of approximating a weight by searching, first, S of M basis vectors are selected (step 520). One of N quantized coefficients is selected for each of the selected S basis vectors (step 522). A weight W_i is calculated from the selected basis vectors and coefficients, and $P_i = W_i^H H^H H W_i$ in Equation (2) is calculated using H in Equation (1) (step 524). Here, H denotes a channel state estimated in the RF and baseband processor 152. Then, it is determined whether P_i is a maximum, and if P_i is a maximum value, W_i is selected (step 534). If not, other basis vectors and quantized coefficients are selected (steps 528 and 530) to form W_i (step 532). The above process is repeated for the generated W_i , so that the step 530 is repeated for N^S cases and the step 528 is repeated for M^S cases.

[0032] Outputs from the feedback information approximation unit 156 may be indices that identify the quantization coefficients according to the method of approximating a weight.

[0033] Table 1 shows an example in which quantization coefficients are represented by indices and the indices are digitally represented assuming that a quantization level is 2.

Table 1

Quantization coefficient	Index	Digital representation
e^{j0}	1	00
$e^{jn/2}$	2	01
e^{jn}	3	11
$e^{j3n/2}$	4	10

[0034] Similarly, information about basis vectors may be represented by indices of selected basis vectors. Table 2 shows a process by which the selected basis vectors are represented by indices assuming that the number of the transmitting antennas 120 in the transmitter 100 is 4 and one-dimensional approximation is used: $[1000]^T$, $[0100]^T$, $[0010]^T$, and $[0001]^T$ are selected as basis vectors.

Table 2

Selected basis vector	Index	Digital representation
$[1000]^T$	1	00
$[0100]^T$	2	01
$[0010]^T$	3	11
$[0001]^T$	4	10

[0035] Furthermore, assuming that a two-dimensional approximation is applied with other conditions being equal, the number of possible combinations of basis vectors which can be selected is six and the selected basis vectors are represented by three-bit data. Table 3 shows an example for this case.

Table 3

Selected basis vectors	Index	Digital representation
$[1000]^T, [0100]^T$	1	000
$[1000]^T, [0010]^T$	2	010
$[1000]^T, [0001]^T$	3	110
$[0100]^T, [0010]^T$	4	111
$[0100]^T, [0001]^T$	5	011
$[0010]^T, [0001]^T$	6	001

[0036] As described above, a weight which is approximated as lower dimension one is composed of basis vectors that constitute a lower dimension and coefficients corresponding thereto. Thus, if the basis vectors, the coefficients corresponding thereto, and indices indicating them are already stored in the transmitter 100 in the form of a table, the indices can be transmitted to the transmitter 100. The feedback information restoring unit 110 of the transmitter 100 can extract from the stored table the basis vectors and the quantization coefficients corresponding to the received indices.

[0037] Obtaining feedback information by approximating a weight according to this invention can reduce the amount of feedback information. For example, assuming that a complex number coefficient for each dimension is represented by four bits, 12-bit feedback information is needed if an unapproximated weight of 4-dimension is transmitted as feedback information. In this case, one dimension coefficient does not need any feedback because the overall transmit power of a transmitting antenna is fixed to eliminate the need for sending information about the magnitude of one dimension coefficient and phase information about each antenna can be represented relatively to a basis antenna.

[0038] According to a feedback method using approximation, the number of bits is divided into two different kinds, one is for representing the type of basis vector used in approximation and the other is for representing a coefficient. First, in case of one-dimensional approximation, the number of bits required for representing all possible cases in which one of four basis vectors is selected is 2, in which case there is no need for feedback information representing a coefficient since the coefficient is fixed as 1. Thus, 2 bits are needed. Second, in case of a two-dimensional approximation, the number of cases in which two of four basis vectors can be selected is 6. The six cases are represented by

three bits. In this case, the quantization coefficient for the first dimension does not need any feedback and the quantization coefficient for the second dimension is represented by four bits. Thus, 7 bits for feedback information are needed. Third, in case of a three-dimensional approximation, the number of cases in which three of four basis vectors can be selected is four. 2 bits are required in representing the four cases, and 8 bits are required in representing quantization coefficients. Thus, the total 10 bits for feedback information are needed. Last, in case of a four-dimension approximation, 12 bits are needed. Accordingly, it comes clear that the lower the dimensionality of approximation is, the less the amount of feedback information is. Furthermore, in all cases, to which approximation is applied, the amount of feedback information is less than or equal to that required when no approximation is performed. In Table 4, the amount of feedback information when the approximation method is used is compared with that required when no approximation is not performed. As is evident from Table 4, approximation to lower dimensions reduces the amount of information more than when no approximation technique is applied.

Table 4

Dimensionality of approximation	Approximation method	Non-approximation method
1	2 Bits	12 Bits
2	7 Bits	
3	10 Bits	
4	12 Bits	

[0039] According to the present invention, the amount of feedback information is reduced in a communication system with feedback having multiple transmitting/receiving antennas, thereby using channels required for feedback more effectively and reducing a delay time caused by feedback. Furthermore, the amount of feedback information is reduced to an optimum level, thereby minimizing the degradation of performance caused by approximation.

Claims

1. A wireless communication system including a plurality of transmitting antennas and a plurality of receiving antennas (120, 140, 160, 180) through which signals are transmitted and received the wireless communication system comprising:

a transmitter (100) that restores feedback information from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal to a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and
a receiver (150) that receives the radio frequency signal to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, calculates a weight of a dimensionality corresponding to the number of the transmitting antennas, approximates the weight as lower-dimensional one to extract feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter.

2. A wireless communication system according to claim 1, wherein the receiver comprises:

a baseband processor (152) that extracts a baseband signal from the radio frequency signal and estimates the channel state;
a feedback information approximation unit (156) that calculates the weight of a dimensionality corresponding to the number of the transmitting antennas, which maximizes a predetermined objective function, and approximates the weight as lower-dimensional one to extract the feedback information; and
a feedback unit (158) that sends the feedback information back to the transmitter.

3. A wireless communication system according to claim 2, wherein, when the objective function $P = \mathbf{W}^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W}$, where a matrix \mathbf{H} denotes the channel state, a vector \mathbf{W} denotes the weight, and the superscript H denotes a Hermitian operator, the feedback information approximation unit (156) calculates \mathbf{W}_{opt} that maximizes the objective function and approximates \mathbf{W}_{opt} to a lower dimension constituted by a predetermined basis vectors to extract the feedback information.

4. A wireless communication system according to claim 3, wherein the \mathbf{W}_{opt} is an eigenvector corresponding to a maximum eigenvalue of $\mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{H}$ in the objective function.

5. A wireless communication system according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the transmitter comprises:

a feedback information restoring unit (110) that restores feedback information from the radio frequency signal received from the receiver (150);
 a baseband processor (104) that encodes and modulates an information signal;
 a weighting unit (106) that multiplies the restored feedback information by an output signal of the baseband processor (104); and
 a radio frequency processor (108) that converts an output signal of the weighting unit (106) to a radio frequency signal to output the radio frequency signal.

6. A wireless communication system including a plurality of transmitting antennas and a plurality of receiving antennas (120, 140, 160, 180) through which signals are transmitted and received, respectively, the wireless communication system comprising:

a transmitter (100) that restores feedback information from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal into a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and
 a receiver (150) that receives the radio frequency signal to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, selects a number of basis vectors and their coefficients corresponding to the dimensionality of approximation among the basis vectors whose number corresponds to the number of the transmitting antennas, obtains a plurality of weights from the selected basis vectors and coefficients, extracts a weight that maximizes a predetermined objective function obtained from the channel state among the plurality of weights as feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal in order to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter.

7. A wireless communication system according to claim 6, wherein the receiver (150) comprises:

a baseband processor (152) that extracts a baseband signal from the radio frequency signal and estimates the channel state;
 a feedback information approximation unit (156) that selects a number of basis vectors and their coefficients corresponding to the dimensionality of approximation among the basis vectors whose number corresponds to the number of the transmitting antennas, obtains a plurality of weights from the selected basis vectors and coefficients, extracts a weight that maximizes a predetermined objective function obtained from the channel state among the plurality of weights as feedback information; and
 a feedback unit (158) that sends the feedback information back to the transmitter.

8. A wireless communication system according to claim 7, wherein, when an objective function $P_i = \mathbf{W}_i^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W}_i$, where a matrix \mathbf{H} denotes the channel state, a vector \mathbf{W}_i is a weight calculated from i -th selected basis vector and coefficient, and the superscript H is a Hermitian operator, the feedback information approximation unit (156) extracts the weight \mathbf{W}_i that maximizes the objective function as the feedback information.

9. A wireless communication method in which, when M radio frequency signals transmitted from a transmitter are received through multiple paths, feedback information is extracted from the received signals and the feedback information is sent to the transmitter, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) estimating states of channels comprising the multiple paths from the received signals;
 (b) calculating a weight, which is fed back into the transmitter and multiplied by the M radio frequency signals, from the channel state;
 (c) approximating the weight as dimension S which is less than M and quantizing coefficients for the approximated dimension; and
 (d) feeding basis vectors and their quantized coefficients of the approximated dimension, or indices that identify the basis vectors and their quantized coefficients back to the transmitter.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein, in the step (b), when the number of multiple paths is L , \mathbf{W}_{opt} that maximizes an objective function expressed by $P = \mathbf{W}^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W}$ is extracted as the feedback information, where a matrix \mathbf{H} having

a size of $L \times M$ denotes the channel state, a vector \mathbf{W} having magnitude of M denotes the weight, and the superscript H denotes a Hermitian operator.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the step (c) comprises the steps of:

- (c1) determining basis vectors that represent the M dimensions;
- (c2) calculating coefficients corresponding to the basis vectors from the inner product of the \mathbf{W}_{opt} and each basis vector;
- (c3) selecting S coefficients among the coefficients calculated in the step (c2) in order of magnitude and selecting basis vectors corresponding to the selected coefficients; and
- (c4) quantizing the selected coefficients.

12. A method according to claim 9, wherein if feedback signal includes the basis vectors and the quantization coefficients in the step (d), the method further comprises the steps of:

- (e) extracting the basis vectors and the quantization coefficients from the feedback signal received from the transmitter;
- (f) restoring feedback information from the extracted basis vectors and the quantization coefficients;
- (g) weighting an information signal to be transmitted with the restored feedback information; and
- (h) transmitting the weighted information signal.

13. A method according to claim 9, wherein if feedback information includes the indices in the step (d), the method further comprises the steps of:

- (e) storing the base vectors and the quantization coefficients of S dimensions and indices identifying the basis vectors and the quantization coefficients, respectively, in the transmitter;
- (f) extracting the indices from a received feedback signal and basis vectors and quantization coefficients identified by the indices among the base vectors and the quantization coefficients stored in the step (e);
- (g) restoring feedback information from the extracted basis vectors and the quantization coefficients;
- (h) weighting an information signal to be transmitted with the restored feedback information; and
- (i) transmitting the weighted information signal.

14. A wireless communication method in which, when M radio frequency signals transmitted from a transmitter are received through multiple paths, feedback information is extracted from the received signals and the feedback information is sent to the transmitter, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) estimating states of channels comprising the multiple paths from the received signals;
- (b) determining basis vectors that represent M dimensions;
- (c) selecting S basis vectors among the determined basis vectors where S is less than M ;
- (d) selecting one of N quantization coefficients for each basis vector;
- (e) obtaining feedback information \mathbf{W}_i from the selected basis vectors and quantization coefficients; and
- (f) sending \mathbf{W}_i or an index indicating \mathbf{W}_i back to the transmitter if a predetermined objective function P_i generated from \mathbf{W}_i and the estimated channel \mathbf{H} reaches a maximum.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the objective function P_i is expressed by $P_i = \mathbf{W}_i^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W}_i$ where the superscript H is a Hermitian operator.

16. A method according to claim 14, wherein, if the predetermined objective function P_i does not reach a maximum, the steps (e) and (f) are repeated for $M C_S$ cases in which another S basis vectors are selected from the M basis vectors and for $N S$ cases in which another quantization coefficient is selected for each of the selected S basis vectors.

17. A method according to claim 14, wherein if feedback information includes \mathbf{W}_i in the step (f), the method further comprises the steps of:

- (g) extracting \mathbf{W}_i from a received feedback signal;
- (h) weighting an information signal to be transmitted with the extracted \mathbf{W}_i ; and
- (i) transmitting the weighted information signal.

18. A method according to claim 14, wherein if feedback information includes the index in the step (f), the method further comprises the steps of:

- (g) storing selectable W_i and index indicating W_i in the transmitter;
- (h) extracting the index from a received feedback signal and W_i identified by the index;
- (i) weighting an information signal to be transmitted with the extracted W_i ; and
- (j) transmitting the weighted information signal.

FIG. 1

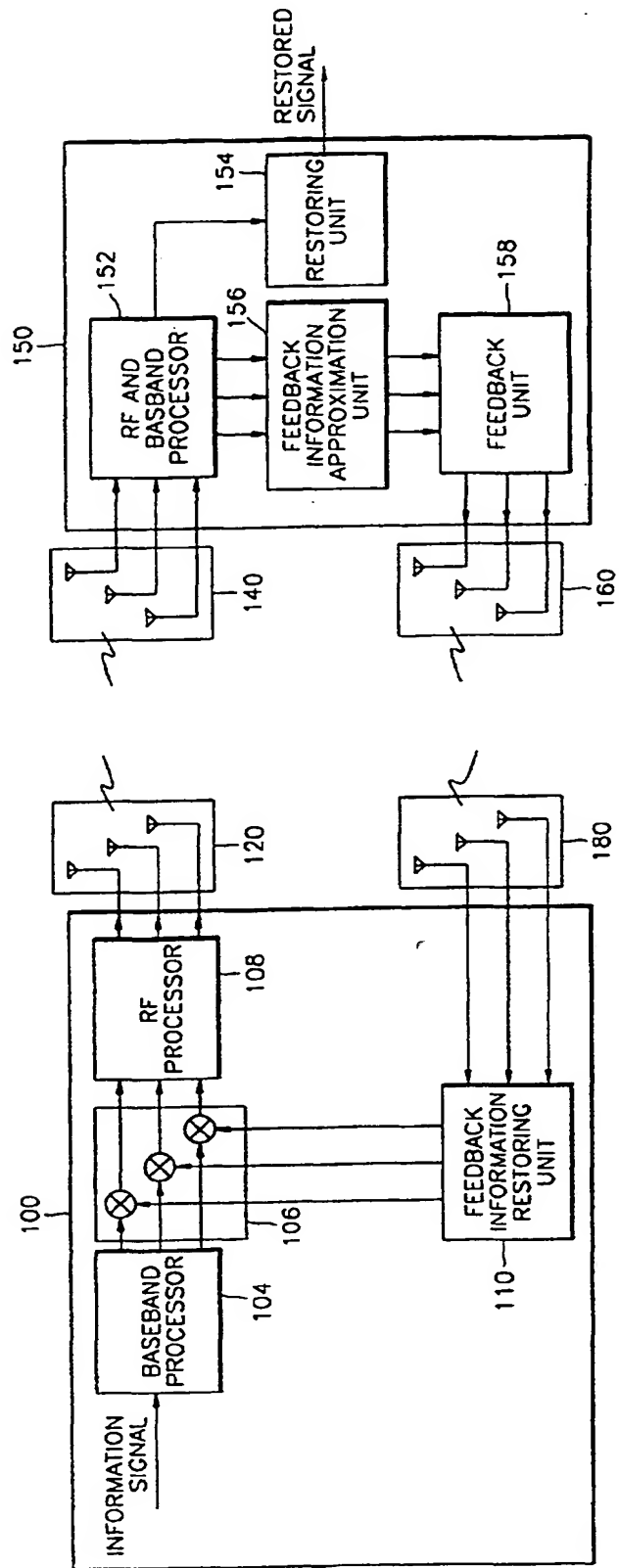


FIG. 2A

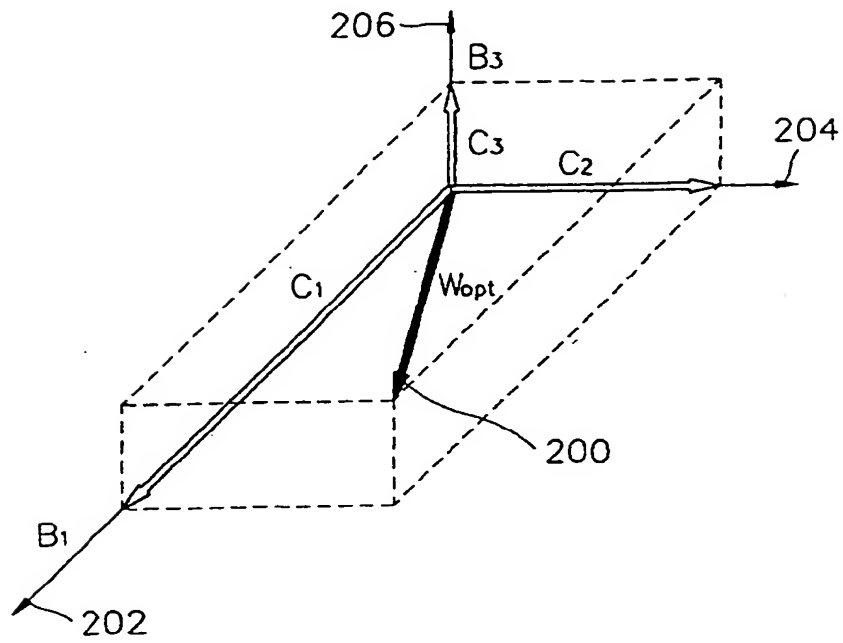


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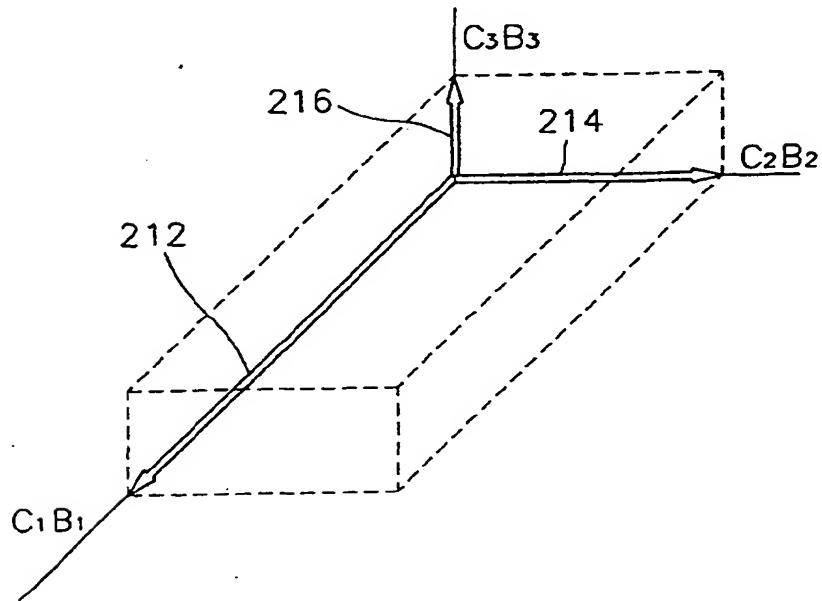


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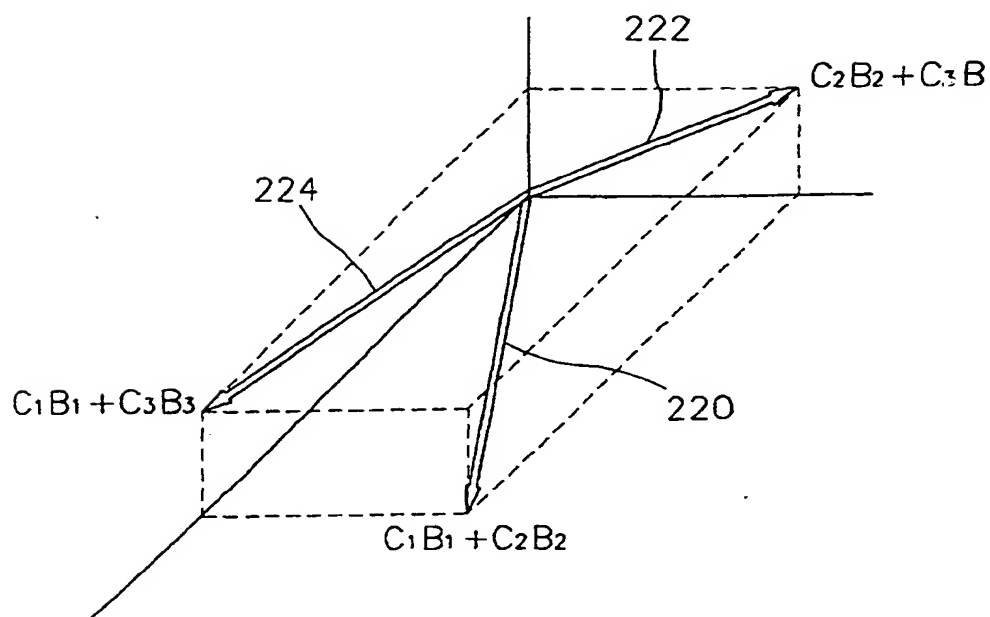


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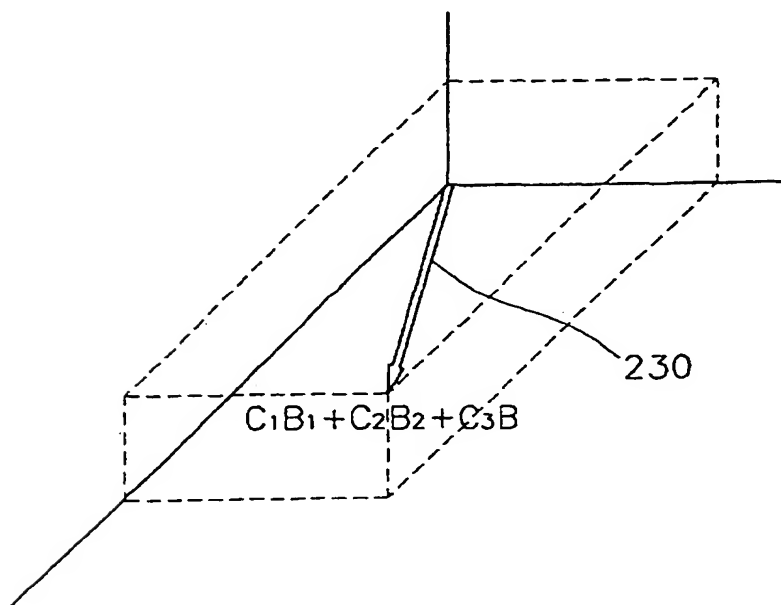


FIG. 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

(d)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(f)

FIG. 4

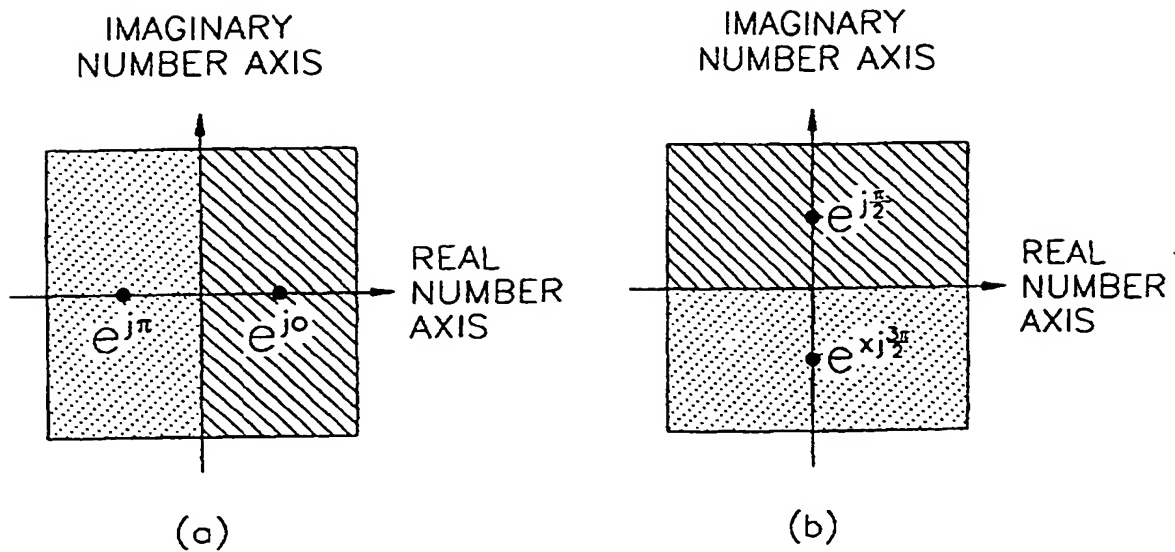


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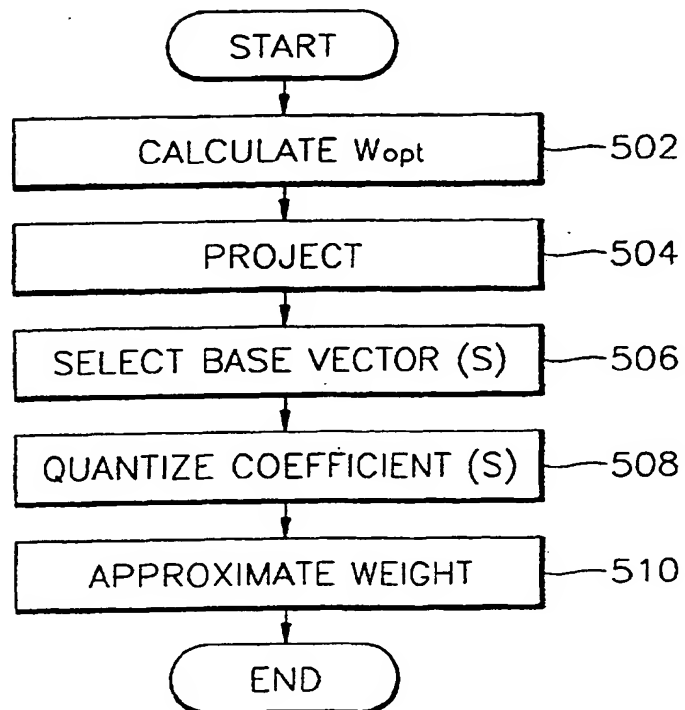
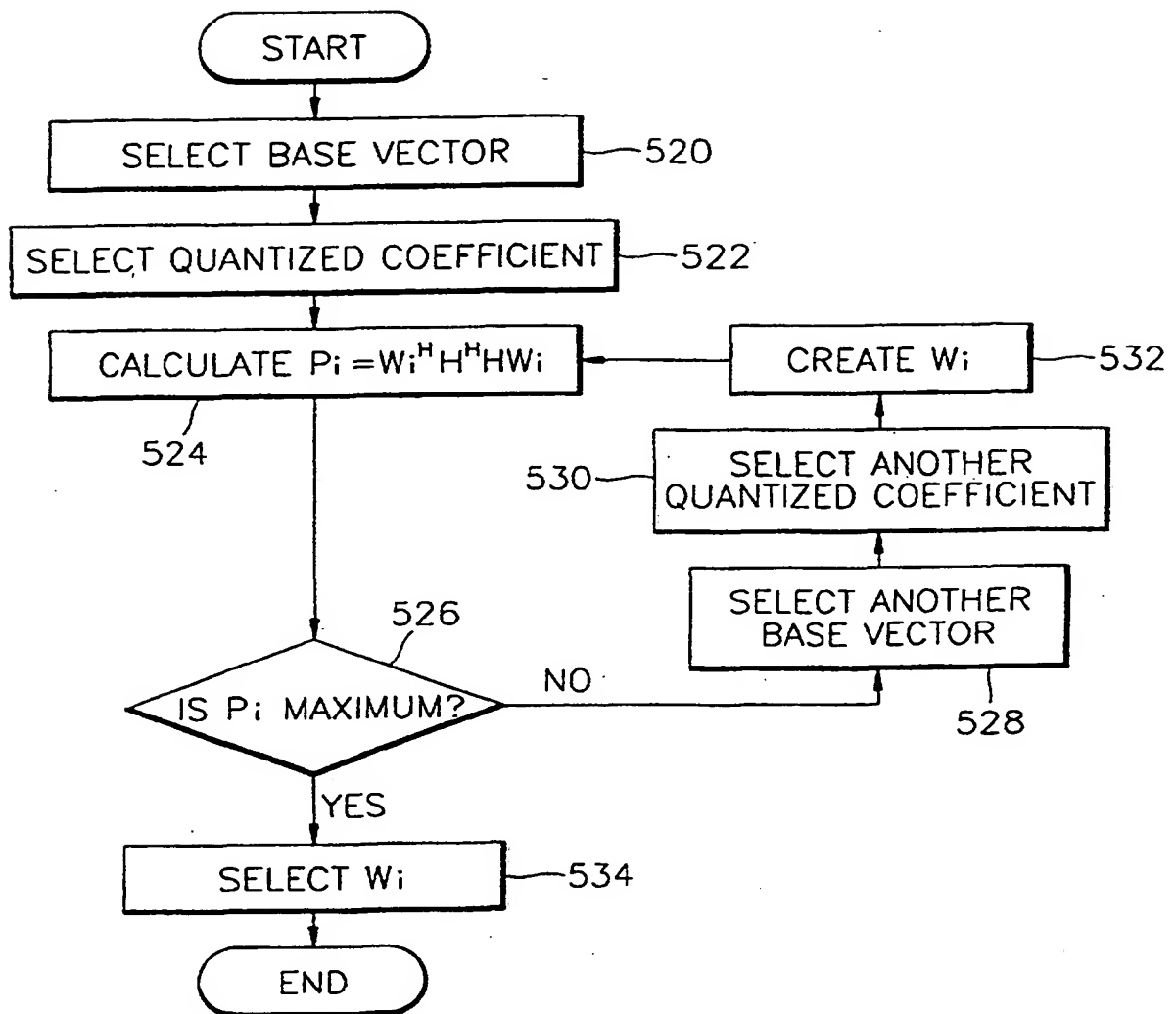
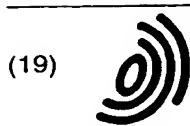


FIG. 5B





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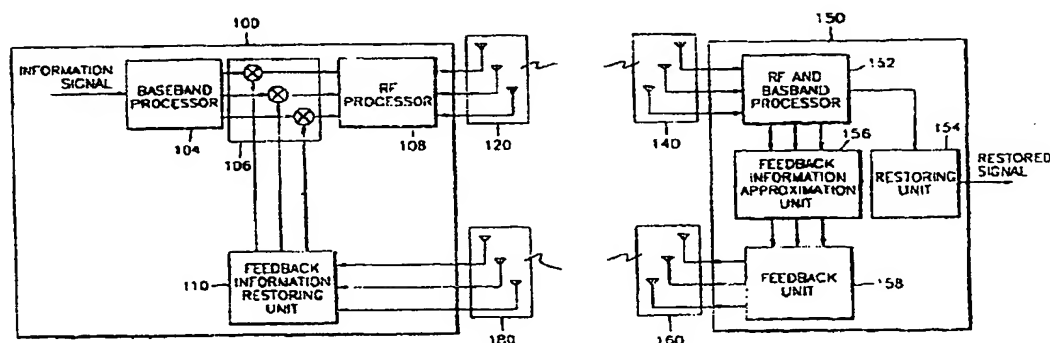
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(54) Wireless communication system with feedback and method therefor

(57) A wireless communication system with feedback and a method therefor are provided. The wireless communication system, which has a plurality of transmitting antennas (120, 180) and a plurality of receiving antennas (140, 160) through which signals are transmitted and received, respectively, includes: a transmitter (100) that restores feedback information from a predetermined feedback signal, weights an information signal with the restored feedback information, and converts the weighted information signal to a radio frequency signal in order to transmit the radio frequency signal; and a receiver (150) that receives the radio frequency signal

to estimate the state of a channel, through which the radio frequency signal is transmitted, calculates a weight of a dimensionality corresponding to the number of the transmitting antennas, approximates the weight as lower-dimensional one to extract feedback information, and converts the feedback information into a radio frequency signal to send the radio frequency signal to the transmitter. (100) Thus, the amount of feedback information is reduced in a communication system with feedback having multiple transmitting/receiving antennas, thereby using a channel required for the feedback more effectively and reducing a delay time caused by the feedback.

FIG. 1



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